



Catholic War Veterans of the USA  
Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Post  
*To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen*

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, M.M.

**MEETING NOTICE**

Due to the present Coronavirus pandemic and necessary precautions advised by medical professionals, **ALL FUTURE MEETINGS OF CWV POST 1974 ARE CANCELLED.** When it is deemed safe for all involved, we will continue with our monthly meetings. Be safe, and God bless you all.

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**DUES**

For Catholic War Veterans, our membership year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> until September 30. So for,

this membership year shows that we are nine members who have not renewed. If you are one of the nine, I urge you to please renew as soon as possible. If you cannot pay, for whatever reason, let me know, and arrangements will be made. Just make your check or money order for \$30.00 out to CWV Post 1974 and sent it to CWV Post 1974 at the address above. Thank You

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**Coronavirus Help**

With the states and cities beginning to "open" up now and the number of infected people continuing to rise, caution on our part is essential. Many of the various organizations we belong to are also planning on starting up their various meeting, conferences, conventions, etc.

If we look back to 1920 and the Spanish Flue pandemic we see what can happen by assuming it is over before it is over. We all hope and pray it doesn't happen, but, history has a way of repeating itself.

Post 1974 has purchased 400 face masks for sale for those who wish to stay safe. We are selling them at our cost, for nonprofit organizations. The price is only 65 cents each, plus shipping and handling.

The price to for profit organizations is \$1.00 each plus shipping and handling. Pictures and description are at the end of this newsletter.

These masks are four ply. As you can see from the description, they will stop the virus, where three ply or less will not. If you have tried to purchase masks the price for three ply, if you can find them, is much higher. Four ply is even more difficult and that cost is well over three or four dollars each.

The masks come in boxes of 50 each, but we can package them in any amount necessary, at an additional cost. One member made up packets of five and took them to a VFW meeting to show them off. Before the meeting began, he sold all of the packets he had for five dollars each.

I am asking each of you to present the offer to all of the organizations, parishes, etc. to which you may belong.

For more information, or if you would like to make a donation, you may contact me at any time either by email, snail mail, or phone and I, hopefully, can answer any question you may have.

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### Veteran Retreat

Every year there is a weekend retreat specifically geared to veterans. Here is the information concerning this year's retreat:

**What:**

A retreat for U.S. Military Veterans featuring a series of talks focusing on issues pertaining to Veterans. Each talk will be followed by small group breakout sessions for attendees to share their own experiences related to the topics presented. We will also have worship services and quiet time for personal prayer and reflection. Attendees will each receive private accommodations at White House and all meals are provided.

**Why:**

The retreat will help veterans focus on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them. It digs in to trauma created by PTSD and guilt and shame that can accompany military experience. It does require that participants be able to enter into quiet reflection and be able to listen to the experiences of others.

**When:**

July 1-3, 2020 (Wednesday- Friday). Check in is from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday July 1st and the retreat will conclude on Friday July 3rd after lunch (around 1:30 PM).

(Opening night dinner will begin promptly at 6 pm)

**Where:**

White House Jesuit Retreat- 7400 Christopher Drive, St. Louis, MO 63129.

**Who:**

This retreat is open to men and women of any denomination who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

**Cost:**

We simply require a \$30 deposit to register. That is the only cost to attendees. We host a variety of fundraising events throughout the year to offset the cost of holding this retreat.

**While the retreat is not scheduled until the beginning of July, you may want to call and make sure it is not cancelled. No one knows how long this virus thing will be around.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**CALL 314-416-6400 TO REGISTER.**

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**Other notes:**

Continue your Masses and prayers for the canonization for Fr. Capodanno.

Check with their local VA and CDC information on Covid 19, especially if you have any appointments at your local VA

If you have any questions feel free to contact our service officer, Ann Puck -- (816) 469-0271

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### Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
We, your children of every nation,  
Turn to you in this pandemic.  
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
And timely help in all our needs.  
You are our Mother.  
Pray for us to your Son.  
Amen.

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#### One last item

On May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM a wonderful, beautiful lady, Kathy Lee passed away. She was an army nurse during the Vietnam War and served in country. After she was discharged, she joined the VFW and worked for years at the VA hospital in Kansas City serving veterans with their claims. She knew the system and how to apply for the benefits for our veterans.

I had the honor of meeting and spending a wonderful day with her on an honor flight a couple of years ago. Her daughter-in-law was our guardian. At the time she

was battling cancer and was weak. So, I played a dual role, veteran and co-guardian. She was truly an angel. Please keep her family in your prayers and pray for the repose of her wonderful, kind hearted soul. Thank you.

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This is a picture of the four plies.



Our masks are N95 type